Supreme Court's Guidelines on Discretionary Allotments

1153. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court in a recent judgement has given guidelines including procedure for the discretionary allotment of SKO/LDO/RO/LPG dealership;

(b) if so, whether these guidelines have been followed in all discretionary allotments of such dealership;

(c) whether applications for discretionary allotments are still being submitted to the Office of the Minister as was being done prior to the judgement or are to the IOC Section; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the nemes and addresses of such allottees who have been granted dealership in violation of the guidelines issued by the Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Discretionary allotments of dealerships/distributorships of petroleum products are being made by the Government in accordance with the guidelines given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court through their Order dated March 31, 1995, after considering the applications being received in the Ministry.

Electrification of Rail Routes in Madhya Pradesh

1154. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans for electrification of rail routes in the State of Madhya Pradesh during 1995-96; and

(b) if so, what are the sections to be covered and the targeted dates of their completion?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Suggestions for reduction in congestion on the platforms

1155. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether suggestions have been invited from passenger associations, individual passengers to reduce the congestion on the platforms to facilitate movement on the platforms of Suburban Railway Stations of Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in order to reduce the congestion on Suburban Railway Stations Government propose to restrict new tea/fruit stalls at such stations;

(d) whether Government propose to invite suggestions on availability of Train Ticket Examiners before each reserved coach at least one hour before the scheduled departure of trains at Railway Stations to reduce congestion of waitlisted passengers before each reserved coach; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) A Sub-Committee of Consultative Committee of Members of Parliament for the Ministry of Railways has been set up to examine the issue of congestion on the Suburban Railway Stations of Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Delhi and the

need for restricting new tea/fruit stalls, etc. at these stations and to make suitable suggestions. The Sub-Committee has invited Passenger Associations on various Railways, individual passengers, commuters and users of Railway travel facilities at suburban stations of the metropolitan cities to forward their suggestions/views for reducing the congestion and to allow free movement of passengers on the platforms at these stations.

(d) and (e) The existing instructions stipulate availablility of Sleeper Coach TTEs at coaches to be manned by them half an hour before the scheduled departure of the trains at train starting stations. In case he joins the train enroute he is requested to report 15 minutes before the scheduled arrival of the train to guide the passengers to their respective berths and coaches. There is no proposal to increase the time limit for reporting of the TTEs as the existing arrangement is considered adequate.

Loss incurred by IOC due to poor port facility

1156. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the press news-item captioned "poor port facilities cost IOC $ 10 million a month" as reported in the 'Economic Times' dated the 6th July, 1995;

(b) if so, whether due to poor port facilities IOC has been losing millions of rupees per month;

(c) whether his Ministry in consultation with Ministry of Surface Transport have chalked out plans to improve port facilities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

New Scheme of 'your home, your telephone, your wiring' in Madras

1157. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new scheme of your home, your telephone, your wiring was introduced in Madras;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of this scheme;

(c) whether private wiring contractors are being licensed to do internal wiring; and

(d) on what considerations the telephone subscribers are not allowed to choose their own wiring contractors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The policy on customer premises equipment for new telephone connection is to be implemented w.e.f. 1.9.95 in four metro districts of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras.

(b) the salient features of the scheme are given below:

(1) Subscriber shall be responsible for providing his telephone instrument, internal wiring, its installation and its maintenance;

(2) Department will provide a Line Jack Unit (LJU) inside the subscriber's premises on which external line provided by the department and internal wiring of the subscriber shall be terminated.